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Attorney Docket No. 04208.0077-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Mokoto SHOZAKAI et al.

Application No. 09/380,563

Filed: September 3, 1999

For: SPEECH PROCESSING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
IMPROVING SPEECH QUALITY  
AND SPEECH RECOGNITION  
PERFORMANCE

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) Group Art Unit: 2626

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) Examiner: ARMSTRONG, A. A.

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) Confirmation No. 2773

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2006, the period for response having been extended to February 20, 2007, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection in view of the remarks that follow:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of the paper.